Report on Quarterly Project Progress (Q3-Y2) (Milestone No. 53) Conflict Mitigation through Community Mediation Program



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Abbreviations

CMCM Conflict Mitigation through Community Mediation

CMC Community Mediation Center

CMCC Community Mediation Coordination Committee

CDO Communication and Documentation Officer

DLA District Line Agencies

DDC District Development Committee

DNH Do No Harm

GON Government of Nepal

GA General Assembly

GESI Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

M&E Monitoring and Evaluation

MEO Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

NA Not Available

OCA Organizational Capacity Assessment

PNGO Partner Non-Governmental Organization

PMP Performance Management Plan

PD Program Director

P2P People to People

RBA Rapid Based Assessment

TAF The Asia Foundation

TOR Term of Reference

TOT Training for Trainer

VMGO Vision Mission Goal Objective

1. Report Verification

M#	Milestone	Description	Means of Verification
53	Project Progress Quarterly basis(Q2-Y2)	in the form of Calendar updates, Reports, and Meetings, conducted that track Project Activities and overall progress	Pages: 4-5Content: political/security context

2. Background

Mandwi has been implementing "Conflict Mitigation through Community Mediation" program in Dhanusha, Mahottari, Siraha, Saptari, Sarlahi and Rautahat districts with the support of USAID. Save the Saptari, SAMAGRA, CFWA (Community Family Welfare Association), Aastha Nepal, VCDC (Village Community Development Center), and Community Power are the local project-implementing partners. The targeted beneficiaries of the program are poor people, especially women, youths, and traditionally marginalized people. The main goal of the program was to sustain the peaceful environment in the community.

CMCM (Conflict Mitigation through Community Mediation) agreement signed on March 18, 2014 with USAID with the effective date of 31 March 2014. Mandwi achieved the project agreement from Social Welfare Council (SWC). It established its CMCM project office at Gaur, Rautahat in one of the project districts. Sub award agreements signed with the six local partner non-government organizations (PNGOs) from implementing districts. After rapid based assessment (RBA), 4 VDCs (Village Development Committees) in each district and 24 village development committees (VDCs) were finalized. Community Mediation Coordination Committee (CMCC) is a loose group formed at district level in the combination of district line agencies, judicial, quasi/semi judicial bodies and civil society. They worked as watchdogs group at district level to monitor the CMCM program, guide, and provide feedback for the further improvements.

Mandwi selected 36 (female 12, Dalit 4 and Janajati 2) masters' trainers from the project districts and provided training on basic community mediation for 8 days. Furthermore, it mobilized the trained masters' trainer in the selection process of community mediators. The 648 (female 263, Dalit 100, Janjati 100 and Muslims 29) (27 per Village Development Committees-VDCs in 24 project VDCs) community mediators were selected and trained by the masters' trainers. Increasing access of marginalized community people 24 community mediation centers established at VDC offices with basic equipment (board, furniture, stationeries, bios of mediators etc) support. Those centers are currently offering the mediation services to the local people.

In addition to the community mediation services, advocacy platforms for both women and youth established to increase the participation of youth and women in the process of community mediation, local resources mobilization, and planning processes. Moreover, as awareness campaign, Mandwi has developed Information, Education Communication (IEC) materials i.e. brochure and pamphlets with the information on community mediation related services, benefits, mediation centers and contact persons. These IEC materials distributed in the project VDCs through Partner Non-Governmental Organizations(PNGOs), mediation centers, community mediators, youth advocacy platform (YAP), women advocacy platform (WAP) and local level other institutions. With the technical support of Mandwi, PNGOs developed radio program script and Public Service Announcement (PSA) on community mediation including in local language Maithili and Bajjika as an outreach to the mediation centers.

Milestone Report no. 53 describes about quarterly information in the form of calendar updates, reports, and meetings conducted that tracks project activities and overall progress. This report contains all the details of activities carried out by the Mandwi with the close coordination of local project implementing partners and USAID including political/security context update, progress on OCA (Organizational Capacity Assessment), challenges, accomplishments, lesson learned, success stories, and next quarter plan, summary of performance indicator data. It has list of milestone reports and dates delivered to USAID and updated M&E indicator data under annexes.

3. Political/Security Context Update

Due to the boarder centric strike in Terai region since September 2015 by Madhesi Morcha demanding for their rights, more or less, all of the southern boarders in Terai are blocked resulting the lack of supply of goods like fuel, gas, vegetables as well as life-saving medicines. Only 60% of private and boarding schools are re opened since the Diwali holidays (October) and many of those are uncertain as to how longer they can function. Ambulances are not operating due to fuel crisis. Food prices continue to go up. Domestic air-flights are cut half in number. 90% of factories have shut down, according the Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Nepal Oil Company has announced that it cannot distribute any more fuel because it has run out of stock. In addition, the earthquake survivors from the hardest hit districts – 400,000 people (80,000 families) remain in desperate need of shelter and food, and winter is approaching soon.

From the security point of view, in spite of agitation by the political parties within the project districts, there are not any security challenges or other disturbances in the program areas. In addition, concerned stakeholders are cooperative that helps in implementation of the program activities likewise community mediation services offer. However, due to the regular strikes in Terai by Medhesi Morcha for their rights, CMCM project other field level activities like monthly review and planning meeting of YAP, WAP, and community mediators were disturbed because of very less movement of platform members from one ward to another and engagement of community people in strike and agitation.

4. Progress on OCA

We observed during the organization capacity assessment of the local project-implementing partners that they needed technical support and capacity building in developing their monitoring and evaluation framework. Therefore, Mandwi organized training to local project implementing partners and facilitated in the area of monitoring and evaluation to build their capacity and develop their project performance management plan so that they could establish monitoring and evaluation system at their organizations, and started to report on project indicators based on that to Mandwi.

5. Challenges/Actions

	Challenges	ctions ta	ken
•	Implementation of planned program activities (review meeting with partner, community mediation year one sharing meeting) affected by regular strike since a long time.	projec coordi impler VDC advoca comm	ar coordination by Mandwi with local timplementing partners and frequent nation and cooperation by project menting partners with community, stakeholders and youth, women acy platform members as well unity mediators for appropriate plantions in this critical situation.
•	It affects in monitoring (case registration and dispute resolution) and reporting (milestone reports).	assista partne and memb	ation, counseling, and technical nee by local project implementing rs' to community, VDC stakeholders youth, women advocacy platformers for mobilization in the community afeguarding.

6. Accomplishments

Description	Achievement	Reasons for Deviation
Administration Start-up		
Activities Office Established in one of the project districts (Milestone 1)	Achieved planned for Q1	
Mandwi Capacity Assessed (Milestone 2) Partnership Established (Milestone 3) Partners' Capacity Assessed (Milestone 4) Partners' Training Prepared (Milestone 5) Partner Training Conducted (Milestone 6) Program Start-up and Coordination Phase	 Achieved planned for Q1 Achieved planned for Q2 Achieved planned for Q1 Achieved planned for Q1 Achieved planned for Q2 	
Activities Rapid Baseline Assessment Conducted (Milestone 7) Government of Nepal Coordination Established and VDCs selected (Milestone	• Achieved planned for Q2	

Description	Achievement	Reasons for Deviation
8) District Level Community Mediation Coordination Committee formed in each District (Milestone 9)	Achieved planned for Q3	
CMCC Year 1 Review and Development of CMCC Year 2 District Level Action Plans (Milestone 10)	It is completed by Community Power in Rautahat only. It is remaining to be accomplished in other five districts i.e. Saptari, Siraha, Dhanusha, Mahottari and Sarlahi by local project implementing partners.	It was planned by local project implementing partners for August – September 2015. Due to strike by Madhesi Morcha in Terai since August to date, it has not been accomplished. It is the carry over activities of Q4-Y1. It will be completed in next quarter.
Year 2(Q1&Q2)CMCC Mid-term Progress Review (Milestone 11)	Due to the regular strikes in Terai since a long time, it has not achieved yet.	Though, CMCC year review and development of CMCC year 2 district level action plans has not been accomplished yet, this activity is replanned for Q8-Y2.
Outputs		
1. Improved mediation services to marginalized community people		
Activities		

Description	Achievement	Reasons for Deviation
Select 36 Master Trainers (Milestone 14)	• Achieved planned for Q2	
Master Trainers' Training Prepared (Milestone 15)	• Achieved planned for Q2	
Master Trainers Trained (Milestone 16)	• Achieved planned for Q2	
Community Mediators Selected (Milestone 17)	• Achieved planned for Q2	
Community Mediation Training Prepared		
(Milestone 18)	• Achieved planned for Q2	
Community Mediators Trained (A) (Milestone 19)	• Achieved planned for Q3	
Community Mediators Trained (B) (Milestone 20)	• Achieved planned for Q3	
	• Achieved planned for Q3	
Mediation Centers established in 12 VDCs in 3 Districts (A) (Milestone 21)		
Mediation Centers established in 12 VDCs in 3 Districts (B) (Milestone 22)	• Achieved planned for Q3	
Community Mediation Centers Offer Services (Milestone 23)	 In quarter four (Q4)-January-March 2015, total 186 cases were registered in 22 CMCs (Community Mediation Centers). Out of 186, 159 cases related with male, and 27 cases related 	• It is the carry over activities of Q4-Y1.

Description	Achievement	Reasons for Deviation
Community Mediation Centers Offer Services (Milestone 24)	with women. 27 percent of cases were registered from dalit community, 6 percent from Janjati and 5 percent from Brahman/Chhetri. There were maximum cases related with boundary of land, fighting, pastureland, grass, fuel woods, abuse, money transaction, and compensation of damage of crops. Out of 186 cases, 160 cases were successfully resolved (For details see MS report 23 also). In quarter five (Q5)- April to June 2015, total 121 cases were registered in 19 CMCs. Out of 121, 96 cases related with male and 25 cases related with women. 18 percent of cases were registered from Dalit community, 9 percent from Janjati, 5 percent from Brahman/Chhetri, and 4 percent from Muslim. There were maximum cases related with boundary of land, fighting, pastureland, grass, fuel woods, and abuse. Out of 121 cases, 101 cases were resolved successfully (For details see MS report 24 also).	It is the carry over activities of Q5-Y2.
Community Mediation Centers Offer Services (Milestone 25)	• In quarter six (Q6)- July to September 2015, total 157 cases were registered in 18 CMCs. Out of 157, 115 cases related with male and 42 cases related with women. 19 percent of cases were registered from dalit community, 12 percent from Janjati and 4 percent from Muslim. There were maximum cases related with boundary of land, fighting, abuse, pastureland, money transaction, and interpersonal conflict. Out of 157 cases, 137 cases were resolved successfully (For	It is the carry over activities of Q6-Y2. Achieved in this quarter.

Description	Achievement	Reasons for Deviation
	details see MS report 24 also).	
24 Community Mediation Year 1 Sharing Meetings Conducted (Milestone 30)	Not achieved.	• Due to the regular strikes in Terai since a long time, it has not achieved yet. It is the carry over activities of Q5-Y2. It will be achieved once strike stopped.
2. Increased participation of youth and		
women in local government planning		
and peace building processes		
Activities		
24 VDC Youth Advocacy Platforms Established and Action Plans Developed (Milestone 33)	Achieved planned for Q4	
24 VDC Women Advocacy Platforms Established and Action Plans Developed (Milestone 35)	Achieved planned for Q4	
3. Increased community awareness on		
conflict management and mitigation		
Activities		
Year 1 Radio Program produced		• It is the carry over activity of Q3-Y1

Description	Achievement	Reasons for Deviation
Year 1 Radio Program Broadcasted (Milestone 39)	PNGOs developed the script of radio program first and shared with Mandwi. Mandwi provided feedback to PNGOs on script. They revised the script and sent back to Mandwi. Finally, Mandwi sent such script to USAID for the feedback and approval. After getting the approval from USAID, Mandwi facilitated PNGOs to develop the peace building community mediation radio program in two major languages i.e. Maithili (for Dhanusha, Mahottari, Saptari and Siraha) and Bajjika (for Rautahat and Sarlahi). After that, PNGOs coordinated with local FM radio and produced 25 minutes peace building community mediation radio program with 5 minutes overview of the project services and resources and 20 minutes scripted conflict mitigation drama (For details see milestone report 38 also). Local FM radio broadcasted the peace building community mediation radio program in Maithili language for Dhanusha, Mahottari, Saptari and Siraha districts and in Bajjika language for Rautahat and Sarlahi districts under the guidance and facilitation of PNGOs. It helps marginalized community people to get the information about the established mediation centers in their VDC and community mediators. Furthermore, this radio program made community people aware on significance of community mediation. Finally, they sensitized and got access to mediation services offered by mediation centers available at their VDCs. (For details see milestone report 39 also).	It is the carry over activity of Q4-Y1 achieved in this quarter.

Description	Achievement	Reasons for Deviation
Year 2 Radio Programs Produced (Milestone 40)	PNGOs had already done agreement with local FMs for production and broadcasting of year 1 and year 2 radio programs. They produced year 2 radio program in two local languages i.e. Maithili and Bajjika.	It is the carry over activity of Q6-Y2. Radio program for year 2 produced by PNGOs but had not reported by them. Therefore, it will be achieved in next quarter.
Community Mediation Video Documentary Produced(Milestone 42) •	Not achieved yet.	It is the planned activity of this quarter. Due to the strike in Terai since three months. It will be achieved in next quarter.
Community Mediation Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials designed (Milestone 44)	Mandwi designed Information, Education and Communication material i.e. Brochure and Pamphlets in Nepali language that describe about community mediation services' availability, including contact persons and numbers etc. first in line with USAID branding and marking policy. It was shared with USAID for the valuable input and feedback. On the basis of feedback, IEC material was finalized. The main objective of the IEC material was to inform community people and stakeholders on community mediation and sensitize them to contact community mediation centers for the dispute resolution.	It is the carry over activity of Q4-Y1 achieved in this quarter.
Community Mediation IEC produced and distributed in Local Languages (Milestone	Total 12000 pieces of Community Mediation IEC materials i.e. Brochure and Pamphlets were produced in local language and distributed to key community stakeholders in the CMCM	It is the carry over activity of Q5-Y1 achieved in this quarter. It will be reported in next quarter.

Description	Achievement	Reasons for Deviation
45)	project area through youth and women advocacy platform members, community mediators and female child health volunteers etc. to sensitize people on community mediation services.	
4. Institutional capacity of Mandwi along with its local partners strengthened		
Monitoring and Evaluation		
Activities		
M&E Framework drafted and Staffs and Project Partners Training Prepared (Milestone 46)	• Achieved planned for Q1	
M&E framework established and Staff and Project Partners trained (Milestone 47)	• CMCM project M&E framework finalized and established at Mandwi with the regular and close coordination and technical support from USAID. Mandwi organized staffs and project partners training on ME Framework at Hotel Manaki, Janakpur, Dhanusha from 12-14 July 2015 under Conflict Mitigation through Community Mediation Program after the finalization of log frame and PMP in a given format by USAID. The main objective of the training was to build up the capacity of partner organizations and staffs on monitoring and evaluation system of the organization and established at	plan right now with the coordination and facilitation of Mandwi will be reported in next quarter.

Description	Achievement	Reasons for Deviation
	PNGOs also.	
Documentation of Quarterly Project Progress (Q 1-Y 1) (Milestone 48)	• Achieved planned for Q2	
Documentation of Quarterly Project Progress (Q 1-Y 2) (Milestone 49)	• Achieved planned for Q3	
Documentation of Quarterly Project Progress (Q 1-Y 3) (Milestone 50)	• Achieved planned for Q4	
Documentation of Annual Project Progress (Year 1) (Milestone 51)	• Achieved planned for Q5	
Documentation of Annual Project Progress(Q1-Year2) (Milestone 52)	• Achieved (For details please see milestone report 52)	• It is the carryover activity of Q6-Y2achieved in this reporting period.

7. Lessons Learned

- Local level dispute resolution through community mediation saves money of rural community people.
- Increased access of marginalized community people to local level dispute resolution mechanism help to strengthen them economically and socially.
- Maximum mobilization of youth and women in the community played a vital role in social harmony and peace building processes.
- Coordination with and participation of VDC and district level institutions from very beginning of program implementation help to increase their ownership towards program.

8. Success Stories

Case 1 Increased access of marginalized community people to local level dispute resolution mechanism

Mandwi has been implementing "Conflict Mitigation through Community Mediation-CMCM" project in targeted 24 VDCs of six districts i.e. Saptari, Siraha, Dhanusha, Mahottari, Sarlahi and Rautahat of Terai with the technical and financial support of USAID. There are six local project-implementing partners i.e. Save the Saptari, Samagra Jan Utthan Kendra, Community Family Welfare Association, Aastha Nepal, Village Community Development Center, and Community Power of the CMCM project. The project purpose is local level conflicts mitigated. It has an output i.e. improved mediation services to marginalized community people, and increased community awareness on conflict management and mitigation.

Mandwi mobilized of youth and women advocacy platforms in facilitating and encouraging marginalized community people for the resolution of local level disputes at local level through available community mediation centers in the presence of trained local community mediators to save their time and resources. They disseminated the information regarding services provided by community mediation center (CMC) in the community. They informed villagers about Melmilap radio program & IEC materials that have the information about the community mediation and its features. Finally, they knew about the community mediation services available at their own VDCs. They sensitized on the importance of local level dispute resolution.

It monitored that 63% of cases were from marginalized community registered at mediation centers in the project area. Out of them, 60 (28%) cases were related with women, 78 (23%) cases were from dalit, 28 (8%) cases from janjati and 15 (4%) cases from Muslim. In total, 164 (91%) cases from marginalized community resolved through mediation centers.

In this way, access of marginalized community people to local level dispute resolution increased in the project area. It helped to decrease dispute led economic and social burden and saved their time.

Case 2Mobilized district resources in Community Mediation

CMCM project has one of the main strategy i.e. local engagement and sustainability. As per the strategy, CMCM local project implementing partner of Siraha; Samagra Jan Utthan Kendra coordinated with district development committee (DDC) and informed about the CMCM program and requested of joint initiation for the effective implementation of community mediation program in the district. In the coordination meeting DDC, inquired several issues about community mediation services and people's access as well as willingness. The partner organized provided details about each of those questions. On the basis of those information, the DDC Siraha suggested to submit a proposal. Samagra submitted the proposal to DDC as discussed in the coordination meeting. An agreement between DDC and Samagra was accomplished on 10 July 2015 for the study on existing situation of community mediation program in Siraha district. Samagra did a study and shared the findings of the study to district stakeholders in a meeting organized by DDC. District stakeholders and DDC thanked Samagra and CMCM program because it helped DDC to understand about the community mediation program implemented in the district, total number of cases registered and resolved, case referral mechanism, and nature of disputes etc. It helped DDC to develop a strong coordination mechanism at district level in terms of effective community mediation program implementation and monitoring.

In this way, the CMCM project was able to mobilize the local resources i.e. NRs 300000/-(Three Lakhs) from the district for the community mediation. This initiation of Samagra does not only help to increase the ownership of the DDC towards community mediation program but also guide and encourage to the other local project implementing partners towards local engagement and sustainability.

Case 3 Facilitation on social cohesion and harmony contributed in preventing ethnic based violent in Terai during the protest

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There was a protest by Madheshi Morcha in Terai since a month long claiming their rights and identity. There were human and property loss due to the ongoing protest and curfew by district administration offices are imposed. There was a high chance of increasing ethnicity and caste based violence in Terai. With this understanding, Mandwi communicated, coordinated and facilitated community mediation coordination committee (CMCC) meeting of district level key stakeholders at district level and community mediators, youth and women advocacy platforms meeting at VDC level. Mandwi checked for security all of the CMCM staff. It facilitated meetings among them to keep maintain social cohesion in the community and district level. The CMCM facilitated meetings and encouraged political leaders to maintain social cohesion that is a key social capital. In addition, community mediation centers, community mediators, youth and women advocacy platform members also facilitated meetings and encouraged marginalized community to maintain social harmony. As a result, no any ethnicity and caste based violent incidents occurred in the project area. However, in large, the understanding against the violence also supported reducing such violence at the district level.

Case 4 Community mediators (especially female), youth and women advocacy platforms encouraged, took a lead role and mobilized in the community

Aastha Nepal has been implementing "Conflict Mitigation through Community Mediation-CMCM" project in targeted four VDCs of Mahottari district with the coordination of Mandwi and technical and financial support of USAID. The project purpose is local level conflicts mitigated. It has an output i.e. improved mediation services to marginalized community people, increased participation of youth and women in local government planning, peace building processes and increased community awareness on conflict management and mitigation.

After the agreement with Mandwi and office set up, Aastha Nepal coordinated with government and selected four project VDCs (Village Development Committee) i.e. Bathnaha, Parsa Pataili, Ekrahi and Siswa Kataiya to implement the program. With the close coordination of Community Mediation Coordination Committee (CMCC), it selected six masters' trainers, and 108 community mediators (36 female and 27 from each VDC). After that, Aastha organized training on basic mediation. To provide community mediation services to marginalized people, 4mediation centers were established at VDC level. To increase awareness on community mediation and its significance, Information Communication Education (IEC), materials and radio programs were designed and produced, and disseminated. In addition, the 4 women and 4 youth advocacy platforms also mobilized in the community to support the community mediation services.

Community mediators, youth, and women advocacy platforms are playing a crucial role in information dissemination and awareness rising on importance of community mediation. Mediation centers are properly functioning and community mediators are providing mediation services to community people to resolve the local level disputes at local level. It is observed that

community mediators (female) are taking a lead and ownership especially in gender-based violence (GBV) and other cases related with women because among 38 disputes were registered at community mediation centers from January to September 2015 in Mahottari district, 10 cases (26%) were related with women (5 GBV). In total, 114 community mediators were participated in facilitating 38 disputes registered at mediation center. Out of that, 23 mediators (20%) were female (but female community mediators led 100% cases related to women). In this way, community people are selecting female community mediators for GBV, and other case related to women. It helps to build their leadership through community mediation services.

9. Next Quarter Plan Carry over activities

- CMCC Year 1 Review and Development of CMCC Year 2 District Level Action Plans (Milestone 10)
- Year 2(Q1&Q2)CMCC Mid-term Progress Review (Milestone 11)
- 24 Community Mediation Year 1 Sharing Meetings Conducted (Milestone 30)
- Year 2 Radio Programs Produced (Milestone 40)
- Community Mediation Video Documentary Produced(Milestone 42)
- Community Mediation IEC produced and distributed in Local Languages (Milestone 45)
- M&E framework established and Staff and Project Partners trained (Milestone 47)

Planned activities

Some major tasks that are included in next quarter plan are as follows:

- CMCCYear2 Review and Development of CMCC Year 3Action and Sustainability Plans (Milestone 12)
- Community Mediation Centers Offer Services (Milestone 26)
- All 24 Youth Advocacy Platforms each hold Progress Review Meeting(Milestone 34)
- All 24 Women Advocacy Platforms each hold Progress Review Meeting (Milestone 36)
- Year 2 Radio Programs Broadcasted (Milestone 41)
- Community Mediation Video Documentary Units copied and distributed at district and VDC level (Milestone 43)
- Documentation of Project Progress Quarterly Basis (Q3-Y2)(Milestone 43)
- Monthly Calendar submitted for year 2(Milestone 59)
- Participate in Quarterly CMM Partners Meeting inn year 2 (Milestone 62)

10. Summary Performance Indicator Data

In the beginning, we have only the log frame of CMCM program. Based on the log frame we reported project performance indicators data in documentation of annual project progress year 1 (Milestone 51). Based on the plan of formulation of project performance management plan (PMP) under CMCM program, Mandwi developed PMP in coordination and guidance of USAID including the standard indicators of USAID. Therefore, based on the PMP, Mandwi started to report on such project performance indicators on quarterly basis from Q6 (Documentation of Project Progress Quarterly Basis, Q1-Y2).

S.N.	Indicators	Target for 2015	Result	Contributing Factors
1	% change in conflicts stemming from issues of inclusion and access	57%	55%	Awareness of community people increased and they are living together in the community with social harmony in peaceful environment.
2	% change in target population that perceives a reduction in conflicts over resources stemming from issues of inclusion and access	74%	86%	Access of marginalized community people increased to the community mediation centers. The local level disputes resolved by community mediators at local level.
3	Number (and percent) of successfully mediated local level disputes among women,	NA	222 disputes resolved in the project area	Disputes facilitated by the trained community mediators adopting

	youth or people from marginalized groups as a result of USG assistance			7 steps of community mediation
4	% change in target population that perceive conflicts mitigated	26%	33%	The maximum number of local level disputes resolved by community mediators at local level.
5	# of conflict issues identified in the working VDCs with an objective of addressing those conflicts	900	464	With the mobilization of community mediators, youth and women advocacy platforms and in coordination with concerned VDC
6	% of established mediations centers continued by local government at project close	NA	NA	
7	# of new groups or initiatives created through USG funding, dedicated to resolving the conflict or the drivers of conflict	54(CMCC-6, CMC-24, YAP- 24)	78 (CMCC-6, CMC-24, YAP- 24, WAP-24)	Functional and regular coordination by PNGOs with VDCs, district line agencies and stakeholders like Bar Association, District Administration

				Office, and district court etc
8	# of local women participating in a substantive role or positions in a peace building process supported with USG assistance	316	479	Facilitation of local project implementing partners on importance of participation of women and their mobilization for their rights to community stakeholders and VDCs
9	# of advocacy platforms established and functional	48	Youth advocacy platforms 24, women advocacy platforms 24	Functional and regular coordination by community mediator coordinator with VDCs, and local stakeholders like youth and women etc
10	% of annual VDC budget allocated to community mediation and marginalized community	NA	NA	
11	Number of people from marginalized groups participating in a substantive role or position in a peace building process	NA	71	Facilitation of local project implementing partners on importance of participation of

	supported with USG assistance			marginalized groups and their mobilization for their rights to community stakeholders and VDCs
12	Number of host national inhabitants reached through USG-assisted public information campaigns to support peaceful resolution of conflicts	12000	24500	IEC materials like brochure and pamphlets production and distribution as well as community mediation program designed, produced and broadcasting in local languages i.e. Maithili and Bajjika.
13	Number of stories disseminated with USG support to facilitate the advancement of reconciliation or peace processes	1	2 (Radio program, jingle production)	Radio program, jingle production, and broadcasted in local languages i.e. Maithili and Bajjika.
14	#of USG-funded events, trainings, or activities designed to build support for peace or reconciliation on a mass scale	30	 OCA-1 MTOT (Mater Training of Trainers) -1 Basic Mediation Training -24 CMCC Formation-1 CMCC 	Master Trainers mobilized by PNGOs in respected districts Functional and regular coordination by PNGOs with VDCs, district line agencies and stakeholders like

			Review-1 • Advocacy Platform Meeting-1 • Project partners trained on ME-1	Bar Association, District Administration Office, and district court etc. Strictly follow the selection criteria of community mediators and focus on gender and inclusion, people to people and do no harm strategies
15	Percentage change in average Local Organizational Capacity Assessment Score among local organizations supported by USAID (CBLD)	NA	NA	

11. Other APS Requirements

• People to People/Do No Harm/Gender & Social Inclusion

PNGOs continued the people-to-people, do no harm and gender and social inclusion approaches in coordination with VDC and district officials and stakeholders for mobilization of community mediator coordinator, community mediators, community mediation coordination committee and youth and women advocacy platforms in the project area. It was supportive for them in facilitating the community review meetings with community mediators and youth and women advocacy. They become able to increase the participation of women and marginalized community in the project interventions.

• Local Engagement & Sustainability

For the sustainability and ownership of the program, the community, stakeholders are continuously informed and their participation is ensured by the PNGOs. In this reporting period DDC resource is mobilized in the project area in Siraha with the initiation of local project implementing partner SAMAGRA. In total NRs 300000/- (Three Lakhs) is received for community mediation. This initiation of Samagra does not only help to increase the ownership of the DDC towards community mediation program but also guided and encouraged our other local project implementing partners towards local engagement and sustainability.

Coordination

However, the coordination is the key area of program effectiveness and efficiency, coordination and communication continued by PNGOs with concerned VDCs and community stakeholders in the project VDCs in terms offering community mediation services by mediation centres and mobilization of youth and women advocacy platforms in the community. They also coordinated with concerned VDCs to mobilize the targeted group (women, youth, children, Dalit) resources in the project area.

1.1 Annex 1 List of Milestone Reports and Dates Delivered to USAID

S.N.	Milestone Report	Date Delivered to USAID	
1	Milestone 23	15 October 2015	
2	Milestone 24	15 October 2015	
3	Milestone 25	15 October 2015	
4	Milestone 38	15 October 2015	
5	Milestone 39	15 October 2015	
6	Milestone 44	20 March 2015	
7	Milestone 52	15 October 2015	

1.2 Annex 2. Snaps



Case Registered at Community Mediation Center Ekrahiya, Mahottari	Mediation Service Review Meeting with Community Mediators at Siswa Kataiya, Mahottari	
19/D5/2015 D2:45 PM	19705/2015 D2: 46 PM	
Radio Program Production in Mahottari	Radio Program Production in Mahottari	